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## Bormann convicted in second degree

*Jury makes decision in murder case for slain nursing student*

**TAYLOR MULLER**  
STAFF WRITER

A jury heard closing arguments and received final instructions from a Douglas County judge Thursday. After 11 hours, it decided while Kyle Bormann was guilty of murder, the murder was not premeditated and did not warrant the possibility of a death sentence.

Bormann was convicted of second-degree murder and use of a weapon to commit a felony. The murder charge carries a sentence of 20 years to life in prison. Bormann's life collided with that of UNO pre-nursing student Brittany Williams Jan. 20, when Bormann zeroed in on Williams through his hunting rifle scope as she waited in the drive-through lane of a fast-food restaurant. Williams, 21, was at the KFC/Long John Silvers at 7601 N. 30th St. picking up food for her family. Bormann, then 19, had been drinking while watching a National Football League game. Angry about officiating calls, he started driving around with a .243-caliber Winchester deer hunting rifle. From 139 yards away, Bormann fired a single shot, ending Williams' life. The two had never met.

During the trial, Douglas County Attorney Don Kleine painted Bormann as a sniper on a mission, while Bormann's public defender argued that he was too drunk to know what he was doing. After the verdict was returned, jurors told the media they needed more evidence that Bormann had premeditated the shooting.

Under Nebraska law, Bormann would have needed

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KYLE BORMANN

## Presidential debate viewing event helps voters choose their candidate



Barbara Pickering addresses DebateWatch participants minutes before the first presidential debate began on Friday evening. (COURTESY JENNIFER BALDWIN/UNO)

**SCOTT STEWART**  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The occasional laughter coming from the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom Friday evening wasn't because Maverick Productions brought in a famous comic or because a student group was screening a funny movie.

The laughter came from about 130 students, faculty and community members attending the UNO School of Communication's DebateWatch event for the first presidential debate between Sens. Barack Obama and John McCain.

Debate moderator Jim Lehrer, host of PBS's "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," got some of the first laughs with his initial question for the candidates on the economy, for his repeated efforts to get the candidates to give specifics and for asking Obama to address McCain directly.

McCain, too, got a laugh

from the UNO crowd for asking Lehrer, "Are you afraid I couldn't hear him?" Later in the debate, some laughs could be heard as Obama smiled after being accused of having "most liberal voting record in the United States Senate" by McCain.

Laughter, however, wasn't the only audible noise from the crowd. There were some murmurs when Lehrer used the phrase "rule the country" when asking the candidates how the financial crisis would impact their abilities to execute their plans for office.

A student also asked aloud, "What's funny about that?" when some people laughed after McCain said the phrase "when I came home from prison" in his final statement of the debate.

All those episodes in the debate — Lehrer's attempt to make the candidates address each other, McCain and Obama's sparring and some of the gaffes surrounding word choices — would

later be fodder for pundits from across the political spectrum on cable news programs all night.

However, the attendees at DebateWatch didn't immediately see any of those reactions. Instead, they participated in small group discussions designed to encourage critical thinking on the debate's topics.

"I want answers," Amber McCaskill said at one table. "I want specific answers on where the economy will be next year."

Amber, whose mother is a U.S. history teacher, said she also wanted to hear what the candidates would do about the education crisis in America.

Karen Weber, an instructor in the School of Communication and member of the Student Publications Committee, said voters needed to do their homework on issues such as the economy and tax breaks.

"I'm well read," Weber said.

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## Student debate held for regent, veep candidates

**KIRBY KAUFMAN**  
NEWS EDITOR

The Gateway sponsored its annual pre-election Student Government debate Friday.

Candidates for the student president/regent — Dayton Headlee and Neal Bonacci — went head-to-head about issues that effect students. They were joined by running mates Charlie Dukes and Kevin Huddleston respectively.

Scott Stewart, editor in chief of The Gateway, moderated the debate. It is a Gateway tradition to moderate a debate on campus, Stewart said. This is Stewart's second year moderating.

The event was not highly attended, partly because it was only announced a couple of days in advance. About two-dozen showed up, Stewart said.

As the debate began, things seemed rocky for Bonacci.

"It started off kinda nervous, but I got more confidence," Bonacci said. "We got our views out."

Each candidate put on his game face as Stewart quizzed them on a variety of issues. The questions both candidates said they had trouble answering were the questions in regards to stem cell research and the bailout plan for the economy.

Bonnaci said he would have been more prepared and do more research on stem cells.

"I didn't think I'd be talking about fertilizing eggs during the debate," Headlee added.

Bonnaci's answer to the question about the bailout plan for the economy reflects his personal views on it.

"I don't think the bailout situation is going to affect us as

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## Two cited for criminal mischief in fountain soap prank

**KIRBY KAUFMAN**  
NEWS EDITOR

Custodian Stanley J. Siderwicz could be seen cleaning soap bubbles out of the fountain located in the Maverick Plaza, just south of the Milo Bail Student Center on Sept. 22.

Two days earlier, on Saturday Sept. 20 at 2:20 a.m., Campus Security officers called the Omaha Police Department. Officers Potter Rios and Fehrman pursued two suspects who allegedly vandalized the fountain.

Campus Security officer John Bentzinger had joined up with the Omaha police. He explained to the police that he had seen two males pour Kroger brand laundry detergent and food coloring into the fountain.

The two people seen were Andrew Edwards, 19, and David Perilo, 23. They were held before Rios arrived at the scene.

After police arrived, both Perilo and Edwards were cited for criminal mischief at the request of Bentzinger.

Perilo and Edwards signed the citations and were released

from the scene.

The crime caused campus facility employees an extra amount of work. Siderwicz spent more than two hours flushing out the bubbles.

The reception by students had two sides.

Some students laughed as they saw fluffy soap spewing from the fountain. Others just shook their heads in distaste to the prank.

"If people are stupid enough to vandalize someone else's property then they deserve to get punished," said UNO sophomore Michael Cutshall.



Stanley J. Siderwicz cleans soap off the fountain in the Maverick Plaza last Tuesday afternoon. (KIRBY KAUFMAN/ THE GATEWAY)



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students," Bonnaci said. "If it does in the area of a student body president, I won't have any say how it's affecting us."

Both candidates had a lot of respect for one another.

"[Headlee and Dukes] were good speakers," Bonnaci said, "I knew going into it he would do well."

Candidates said they were satisfied with the results at the end of the debate.

"We did really well," Headlee said. "We had strong answers and a firm stance."

The moderator was left with different views as the debate drew to a close.

"I think the UNO student body is apathetic about the student elections," Stewart said. "I don't think they understand how it impacts them and, quite frankly, I don't think the student government impacts them other than spending their money."

Voting in the Student Government election started today at 6 a.m. and will end at midnight. The election will continue Wednesday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. To vote, students can log on to [sguno.unomaha.edu](http://sguno.unomaha.edu).

The Gateway has an audio recording of the debate from Sept. 26 on our Web site, [www.unogateway.com](http://www.unogateway.com). Senate candidate

information is also available as well as an explanation of referenda items. On Page 3 of this issue, there is information about each of the president/regent and vice president tickets.

In addition to voting for the president and vice president on the ticket, one can also vote for class and college senators. Referenda items are whether student government executives should be paid, whether Maverick Productions get student fee support and whether The Gateway should get student fee support.

Less than 30 percent of The Gateway's funding comes from student fees. Any money not given to Maverick Productions or The Gateway will be returned to Student Government's reserve funds, not given as a refund to students.

"Every semester, every UNO student pays almost \$15 in student fees that Student Government has direct control of," Stewart said. "Every year, the Board of Regents spends millions of dollars of state and student money, and the only voice UNO students have on the board is their student regent. Either Neil Bonnaci or Dayton Headlee will have the ability to influence their decisions."

# Man cited for trespass in library

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SCOTT STEWART  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

An Omaha man was arrested for trespassing in the Criss Library earlier this month after having been banned and barred from campus last year for masturbating in the library.

Tony Reynolds was found shortly before 5 p.m. on Sept. 18 "viewing questionable

material over the Internet," according to an Omaha police incident report. Reynolds had been banned from campus on Aug. 13, 2007, after "masturbating, hiding and viewing obscene materials" in the Criss Library.

Reynolds told police he was there to check his e-mail and use a computer, according to the report. Reynolds, who is not affiliated with the university, was cited for criminal trespass and was removed from campus.

# Tangeman appointed treasurer, funding for programs approved

BRIAN MOODY  
CONTRIBUTOR

New eyes are overlooking student agency and government funds.

Thursday night, the Student Senate approved the appointment of Sen. Shari Tangeman as executive treasurer, replacing Josh Jordan, who stepped down from the position. As executive treasurer, Tangeman will chair the Student Activities Budget Committee and keep track of Student Government revenues and expenses.

Speaker Dayton Headlee, who appointed Tangeman, said during the meeting she was the perfect fit for the position considering her academic and professional endeavors.

"She is an accounting major," Headlee said. "She does accounting stuff for her job. She knows more about Student Government than just about anybody."

Tangeman said she has several goals to make the committee run more smoothly and efficiently.

"One thing I really want to do is run SABC and kind of change how it's been done in the past," Tangeman said in remarks to senators. "I want to train the people that are going to be on the committee and working with the agency director."

Tangeman's appointment was Headlee's final appointment as speaker. Positive changes with spending and crafting Student Government around constituents' needs were among Headlee's legacy, according to a letter of statement.

"It is a rarity to find an individual who is dedicated enough to work on legislation and the positive change many promise and talk about, but never successfully accomplish," the statement reads. "However, this past year we have seen that ideas mixed with hard work and commitment can lead to positive change for this campus."

In other action, senators approved spending \$1,000 to reimburse the Milo Bail Student Center Business Office's expenses for 211 recycling bins placed in several campus buildings.

The proposal seeks to improve the environment and cut down landfill usage. President/Regent Lucas Seiler said since the bins were installed at the start of the fall semester, about 30,000 pounds of recyclables have been processed.

Senators approved contingency funds for hockey buses from UNO to the Qwest Center this season. At a cost of \$115 per bus, 26 buses will be used to attract students to the games. Student Government and the Athletic Department will split the cost.

Slightly less than \$4,000 was approved to fund the annual introductory retreat for newly elected Student Government members. The Student Government elections are scheduled for Sept. 30 from 6 a.m. to midnight and Oct. 1 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Current students may log on to [sguno.unomaha.edu](http://sguno.unomaha.edu) to cast their votes.

Senators accepted organization constitutions for Engineers Without Borders and Colleges Against Cancer and granted their final blessings for revised commendations for College of Education Dean John Langan and Arts and Sciences Dean Shelton Hendricks.

Nine senators were absent from Thursday's meeting: Kiley Clemens, Isaac Smith, Ryan Reynolds, Matthew Barr, Theophilus Akah, Jared Davis, Conner Holt, Tyler Micek and Michael Hughes.

The next Student Senate meeting will take place Oct. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Milo Bail Student Center.



SHARI TANGEMAN

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## CRIME LOG

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## Thursday, Sept. 25

1 p.m. Student reported theft of personal property from a vehicle parked in Lot 9. Incident occurred between 2:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.



## HEADLEE / DUKES

**DAYTON HEADLEE**

Candidate for President/Regent  
Senior, Arts & Sciences College  
Major: Secondary Education & Political Science

**UNO organizations:**

UNO Student Government: Speaker of the Student Senate, Parliamentarian, Student Affairs Committee Chair, Rules Committee Chair, Two term Arts and Sciences Senator  
Student Activities Budget Committee, two terms; Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society: Vice President of Selections; The Bullpen; University Committee on Athletics; University Committee on the Advancement of Teaching; American Humanities Student Association; UNO College Republicans: Chairman, Co-Chairman, Treasurer, Membership Director; Nebraska College Republicans: State Chairman; UNO Student Education Association of Nebraska: Treasurer.

**Community involvement:**

Heartland School: Board of Directors; Phillips Foundation Ronald Reagan College Leaders; Nebraska Health and Human Services Advisory Committee; Douglas County Republican Party: Executive Board, Central Committee; Nebraska Republican Party: Central Committee, Precinct Captain; College Republican National Committee: Midwest Regional Secretary.

**Reason candidate is running for office:**

I am running to be Student Body President because I feel I owe UNO a great deal, and I hope to make this University a better place for generations of future students. In my time at UNO I have evolved and grown immensely not only as a student and a leader, but as an individual. I feel I owe a debt of gratitude to my fellow students and the university as a whole. As Student Body President I will use the skills and beliefs the University has instilled in me to help make UNO a better place for students and continue the University's prominence for decades to come.

**Three issues of most concern to candidate:**

1) Eliminate Wasteful Spending: Student

Government spends too much on items that are not cost effective or do not benefit students. This will cease under the Headlee-Dukes administration. Both Charlie and I have a proven record of voting against frivolous spending and we will bring a new era of fiscal responsibility to SG-UNO. The days of spending 5,700 dollars on a retreat to Kansas City, 2,000 dollars on a new desk, and 1,600 dollars to send one person to Washington D.C. are over. Our opponents voted yes on each of these incidents, we voted against each. I will veto all spending bills that are not both cost effective and beneficial to the student body.

2) Parking: The parking situation at UNO is unacceptable and something must be done to rectify the problem. Instead of short term fixes, we need long term solutions to ensure that UNO can continue to grow. Traditionally Student Government has had little impact on the parking issue at UNO, but through my position on the Board of Regents, I will be an independent voice advocating for every student at UNO.

3) Making UNO's information systems work: Currently UNO does not have a reliable information technology system. Students play a guessing game of whether they can access their e-mail or get class information. Much like parking, we cannot fall prey to the temptation of short term band-aids in place of long term solutions. As Student Body President I will advocate to both administration and the Board of Regents creating a long term plan that will keep UNO's technology services functional for years to come.

**What qualifies candidate for this office?**

During my time at UNO I have been able to gain a broad variety of leadership skills that I will use as Student Body President. At UNO I have been able to lead meetings, create budgets, work with faculty, staff and, administration, speak to the Board of Regents, organize events, coordinate statewide organizations, and many other essential skills to leading the student body and representing a University on the Board of Regents. With your vote on September 30 and October 1 Charlie and I will help make UNO the best possible place for every student.

Chelsea Charlie Dukes  
Candidate for Vice President  
Junior, Engineering College  
Major: Civil Engineering

**UNO organizations:**

Student Government Sophomore Senator and Parliamentarian, Zeta Tau Alpha, Engineers without Borders, American Society of Civil Engineers, Society of Women Engineers, Bullpen, Scott Scholar Focus Group

**Community involvement:**

Omaha North High School Engineering Program, O! What a Duck Race

**Reason candidate is running for office:**

I love being involved, and I want to make a difference on campus. I feel that I would have ample opportunity to do so as the Student Body Vice President.

**Three issues of most concern to candidate:**

1) Spending: SGUNO has a history of

wasteful spending, but also a lack of funding in areas that would benefit the entire student body.

2) Campus Life and Involvement: I believe that SGUNO should make an effort to improve campus life and get students more involved.

3) Food Policy: Food policies on campus can be greatly improved by lowering cost, having more selection, etc.

**What qualifies candidate for this office:**

I have been involved in student leadership organizations since my freshman year of high school, from student council to UNO Student Government and many other organizations throughout. After being Parliamentarian of Senate this past semester, I now have a thorough knowledge of the duties of this position and feel I can execute them to the best of my abilities. I also have established relationships throughout UNO that would benefit any endeavors while in office.

## BONACCI / HUDDLESTON

**NEAL BONACCI**

Candidate for President/Regent  
Junior, CPACS  
Major: Criminal Justice

**UNO organizations**

Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Student Orientation Leaders Organization, Maverick Productions, Greek Endeavor and Current College of Public Affairs and Community Service Senator.

**Community involvement**

Volunteer for YMCA, American Cancer Society, Ronald McDonald House, Salvation Army, Mosaic Community Development, Cornhusker State Games, Goodwill, Jr. Warriors Football and Campfire USA.

**Reason candidate is running for office:**

Becoming the President/Regent of the University of Nebraska at Omaha gives me the opportunity to serve my fellow students in the largest role possible. In doing this, I will be able to enhance my constituents overall college experience. After transferring from a small state college and embarking on a new journey here at UNO, I have come to realize the true potential of the University and most importantly, the potential of our student body. I want to be able to help our students with the different issues here on our campus and let their voices be heard about the changes they feel necessary to continue making college life at UNO superior amongst our peers.

**Three Issues of most concern to candidate:**

1) Campus Safety – for the improved

performance and overall quality of campus security, ensuring that all students feel safe while in or around the campus of UNO, including all educational buildings, recreational facilities, and dormitories.

2) Campus Sustainability – continue the betterment and promote student awareness of the on-campus recycling program and also further the programs ability to make UNO a greener campus.

3) Campus Involvement – improve the communication between on-campus organizations and the general student body with hopes to educate the everyday UNO student on the importance and benefit of getting involved, while also increasing the support of the on-campus organizations' events.

**What qualifies candidate for this office:**

Being a student at UNO, I have come to realize that this institution is very unique compared to many other universities around us. With that, I see these differences and realize how to harness them to our advantage for the future. While being greatly involved in many facets of UNO and its organizations, I now have come to know the extremely diverse student body that we have here on campus. I have developed superior leadership skills after taking on many different positions in these organizations. While doing this I have also developed relationships with many different administrators here at UNO and feel very comfortable taking on the tasks of President/Regent and serving the position to its full capacity.

Kevin Huddleston  
Candidate for Vice President  
Senior, Engineering College  
Major: Architectural Engineering

**UNO organizations:**

Past Engineering College Senator, Student Orientation Leader, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society, Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Greek Endeavor, and Order of Omega Greek honor society.

**Community involvement:**

Volunteer for the Ronald McDonald House, American Cancer Society, the Salvation Army, and member of the Coram Deo church community through which I also volunteer at Mosaic Community Development.

**Reason candidate is running for office:**

I feel that the office of Vice President of the student body serves as an opportunity for an individual to seek out ways of improving life for students on UNO's campus. I feel that I am well suited to serve in this capacity. Through my many years here at UNO, I have gained great insight into the range of diversity of the student body, their needs, and their greatest concerns. It would be my privilege to utilize my insights to tackle as many of these needs and concerns over the next year as possible, while also assisting my running mate in fulfilling his obligations to the office of President/Regent in any way that I can.

**Three issues of most concern to candidate:**

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**What qualifies candidate for this office:**

As stated previously, through my time as a student I have gained great insight into the workings of UNO. I know what makes it tick, and understand the unique character of this campus. I recognize this campus' great successes, as well as some of its weaknesses. I have gained these insights through my experience as a student government senator for the Engineering College, as an Orientation Leader for incoming students, as president of the Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society, and as president of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. With my experience in these organizations, I have gained great working relationships with many UNO officials in the Vice Chancellor's office, the office for Student Organizations and Leadership Programs, as well as a wide range of individuals from the general student population. These experiences would greatly benefit me if elected to the office of Vice President.

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# Mavericks crushed in first home shutout since 1981

MICHELLE BISHOP  
PHOTO EDITOR

None of the current Mavs were even born the last time UNO was shut out at home.

A good portion of them probably can't remember the sting of a regular season loss since putting on the scarlet and white.

In what was hyped to be a yet another thrilling game between UNO and Northwest Missouri State ended up being a one-sided rout by the Bearcats. The fifth-ranked Mavs were plagued by uncharacteristic mistakes as eighth-ranked Northwest Missouri State cruised to a stunning 42-0 win before 9,756 fans at Caniglia Field on Saturday.

The Mavs found themselves on the wrong end of a lot of firsts: first regular season loss since 2006; first time shutout at home since a 3-0 loss to Morningside in 1981; and first MIAA conference loss.

"It's been a long time since we lost a regular season game and especially something like this," head coach Pat Behrns said. "It's something we're going to find a way to come back at and figure out what went wrong."

Northwest grabbed control of the game late in the first quarter when quarterback Joel Osborn connected with Raphael Robinson for a 27-yard touchdown pass to make it 7-0. It was the first time UNO trailed this season.

Northwest doubled its lead when Osborn found LaRon Council for a 16-yard touchdown pass with a little more than eight minutes left in the second quarter.

UNO appeared to answer with a late second quarter drive but, stalled at the Bearcats' 14-yard line. Greg Zuerlein's 31-yard field goal attempt was blocked to

keep the Mavs scoreless.

In the final minute before half, UNO was forced to run a third-down play after a Northwest timeout. Quarterback Zach Miller ran an option, but his running back didn't hear the audible that changed the direction of the play. Miller turned and pitched, but Northwest's Tyler Roach scooped up the loose ball on the 9-yard line and galloped in for an easy touchdown.

Down 21-0 at the half, UNO wasn't able to pull off a comeback as they did last season when they rallied from 21-6 at half to win 25-21.

"We were within striking distance, and then we made some mistakes to end the half and start the half," Behrns said. "That's a 14 point turnaround. That makes an awful lot of points to come back when you're shut out against a good defense."

The UNO defense stopped Northwest on their first possession of the second half, but any chance at a momentum swing ended when UNO coughed the ball up midfield on the ensuing punt.

"We know we got hit in the chin by a good football team," Miller said. "We made our own mistakes, and you can't do that against a quality football team like them."

Backup quarterback Blake Bolles needed just five plays to put Northwest up 28-0 when he found Abe Qaoud for a 22-yard touchdown pass.

Northwest didn't ease up in the final quarter. Council scampered in a 5-yard run for his second touchdown of the game with 3:59 remaining.

The Bearcats' final score came on a 55-yard interception return from Justin Welch. It was the first interception thrown by Miller this season.

"I don't even know what to say," senior linebacker Jeff Souder said. "In a way they beat us, but we beat ourselves. We had every opportunity and chance, from turnovers to big plays, to keep ourselves in the game."

The Mavs committed four



Northwest Missouri State's Sheldon Cook runs through an opening in the UNO defense during Saturday's game. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

turnovers, two which were returned for touchdowns, and another that was fumbled into the end zone for a touchback.

"We just got to step up and learn from this and take notes," Souder said. "We have a long season ahead of us. We shouldn't let this break our season."

The home team had won the previous eight meetings in the series until Saturday. The loss ended a string of 14 consecutive regular season wins for UNO.

Northwest (4-1, 3-0 MIAA) has won 22 consecutive games against MIAA opponents.

Miller, who came into the game as the MIAA's leader in both passing efficiency and total offense, was 9-of-22 passing for 94 yards with one interception and two fumbles.

"I put it on my shoulders as the leader of this offense and football team to not have zero points on the scoreboard," Miller said. "It's frustrating. We didn't execute well. We didn't play well. I didn't play well."

Miller and Brian McNeill, the second and third leading rushers in the MIAA heading into Saturday, finished with 42 and 91 yards, respectively.

Osborn was 13-of-20 for 140 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. The Bearcats outrushed the Mavericks 205-142.

"All we can do is get better," Souder said. "We're not going to let this make us get worse, not going to let this play havoc on our season. We'll worry about the next game,

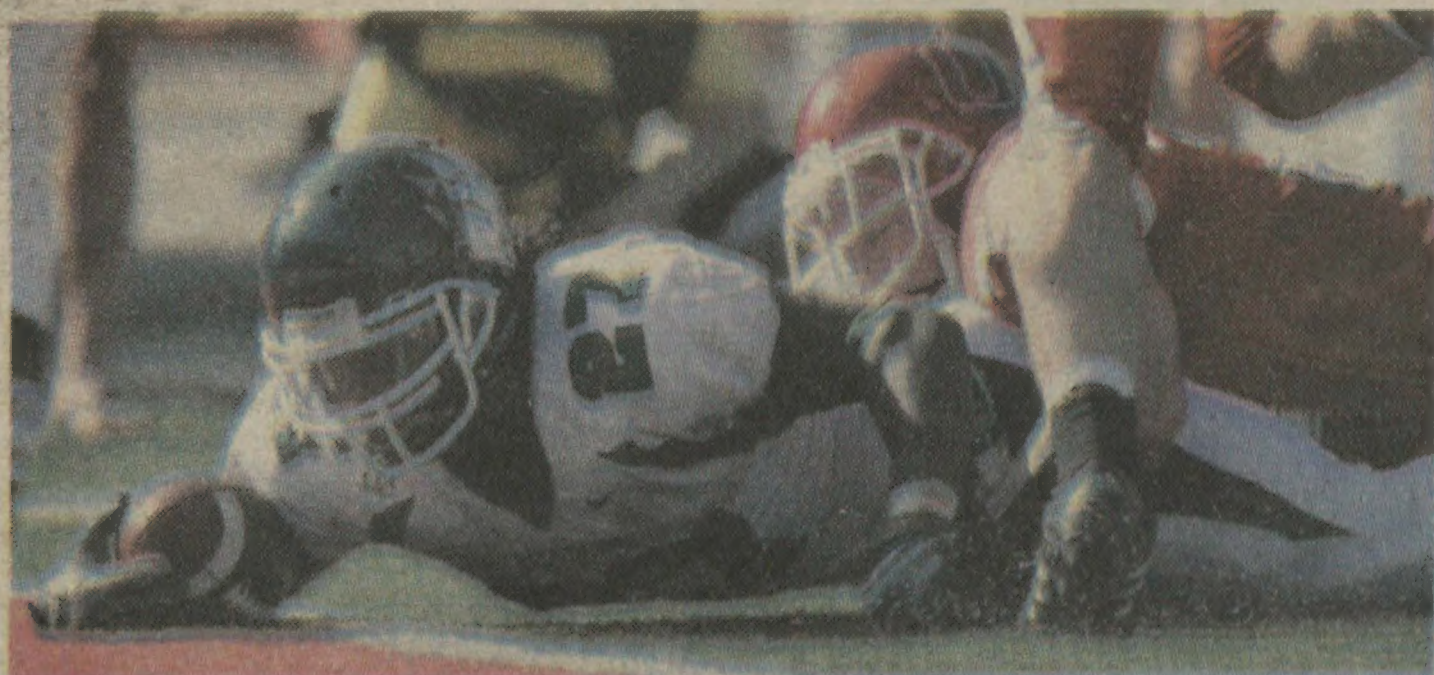
next week. Great game, Northwest, see you later hopefully."

UNO (3-1, 2-1) travels to Truman State Saturday for a 2 p.m. game.

Northwest's win sets up an MIAA showdown with Pittsburg State next weekend at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City. Northwest and Pittsburg State are the only unbeaten teams in the MIAA three weeks into the conference season.



UNO's Steve Janda brings down Northwest Missouri State's Greg Applegate during the second quarter. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)



Northwest Missouri State's LaRon Council reaches in for a touchdown, his second of the game, during the fourth quarter. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

## Mavs split matches over weekend

MICHELLE BISHOP  
PHOTO EDITOR

The Mavericks split a pair of weekend matches to even their MIAA conference record at 3-3.

UNO, now 7-9 overall, swept Fort Hays State 3-0 (25-10, 25-13, 25-23) Friday night and fell to No. 12 Emporia state 3-1 (25-20, 25-19, 22-25, 25-21) Saturday afternoon.

Sophomore Kayla Uhing notched 12 kills and hit .308 to lead UNO over Fort Hays State.

The Mavs cruised through the first two sets and held on to finish the Tigers in three. Fort Hays State struggled offensively, hitting .025 as a team.

Leading the UNO defense was junior Kayla Jansen and freshman Angie Reicks, both combined for 26 digs. UNO held a 58 to 40 advantage in digs.

Junior middle blocker Ellen Thommes pounded nine kills on .333 hitting, collected five digs and put up a match-high five blocks.

Junior outside hitter Sara Kampschnieder notched eight kills and seven digs.

On Saturday, UNO put up a fight and showed they could hang with the 12th-ranked Hornets, but hitting errors ultimately doomed the Mavs.

Emporia State dominated play at the net by putting up

a team-high 18 blocks.

The Hornets won their 12th-consecutive match by taking advantage of 32 UNO hitting errors. The Mavs hit just .118 overall.

"We made, whether they were forced or unforced, errors that cost us some momentum points," head coach Rose Shires said. "We let them off the hook in a few situations, but when you're playing against great teams, they stress you to do that."

The league-leading Hornets improved to 15-1 and 5-0.

Jansen led UNO defensively with 27 digs and a career-high seven set assists as the Mavs once again held an edge in digs, 84-68.

"Kayla Jansen played phenomenal defense tonight," Shires said.

The younger Mavs stepped up their game as UNO fought through the third set, avoiding a sweep.

Redshirt freshman Brittany Hanssen tied her career-high with 10 kills on .304 hitting, while adding three blocks.

Freshman setter Emily Myers recorded her fourth double-double of the year and added 30 assists and 15 digs.

"I thought our defense tonight and last night was phenomenal," Shires said. "That not just kept us in the game, but allowed us to be in a position to win both matches."



Kayla Uhing watches as Emporia State's Brittney Miller blocks the ball over the net during Saturday's game. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

Uhing led UNO with a career-high 14 kills, while hitting .211.

"This was a really pivotal weekend for us," Shires said. "I thought that we played well in both matches."

The Mavs take a break in action until Oct. 8 when they host Northwest Missouri State at 7 p.m. in Sapp Fieldhouse.



# UNO stomps Truman State Saturday

**BOB VACANTI**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UNO Mavericks soccer team stomped out Truman State 2-0 in MIAA conference play this Saturday.

Both teams played tit-for-tat in the first period with four shots and two saves apiece. The Mavs, however, exploded offensively after halftime, putting the Bulldogs to the test.

In the 55th minute, junior Mykala Hanson passed to senior Casey Bigsby, who headed the ball past Bulldog goalkeeper Denise Childress. Just 24 seconds later, Hanson got the ball from freshman Becca Swanson and slammed it past Childress for another goal.

UNO dominated Truman State in shots

16-9, 12 of which were made in the second period. Bigsby was the most aggressive shooter between the two teams with three shots and a goal.

The Mavs' goalkeeper, sophomore Lauren Fox, shut out the Bulldogs' offense with five saves.

UNO's victory puts them up 5-1 and 3-1 for MIAA play, while Truman State records their first loss of the season at 8-1, 4-1 in the MIAA.

Next week, UNO will be heading back on the road to face off in Missouri for more MIAA action. The Mavs will face Southwest Baptist on Thursday, Oct. 2, at 4 p.m. and Northwest Missouri State on Saturday, Oct. 4, at noon.



Top - UNO goalkeeper Lauren Fox leaps to get a hand on the ball as Truman State's Katie Reuck (No. 3) crashes the net. Fox posted a shutout as the Mavs went on to win 2-0. (VALERIE LOSEKE/THE GATEWAY)



Left - Mykala Hanson (right) fights for control of the ball with a Truman State defender during Saturday's game. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)

Bottom - Hayley Renshaw (right) controls the ball up field. With the win UNO improves to 5-1 and 3-1 in the MIAA. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)



Truman State goalie Denise Childress tries to stop the shot from UNO's Mykala Hanson (No. 3) during Saturday's game. Hanson scored on the play. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)



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## OKTOBERFEST celebrates more than BEER



Caleb Fintel enjoys a beer at the Crescent Moon Saturday night. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)

The word "Oktoberfest" can bring to mind many things depending on who you are.

But, if you are like a majority of Americans, the word simply means "beer."

What most people don't know is the rich history Oktoberfest has in its native land of Germany.

Starting in 1810 in Munich, Oktoberfest was originally a multi-day party to celebrate the marriage of Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese. The party included horse racing, food, dancing and, yes, drinking. Everybody enjoyed the party so much that the couple held the event again, then again and again.

Eventually, the celebration was moved closer to the middle of September to coincide with harvest time. It has since grown into the largest Volksfest (people's fair) in the world, regularly drawing more than 5 million people each year.

Oktoberfest's importance to German history and culture isn't unique, but it's something that is hard to find a comparison to in America.

While it's too late to plan a visit to Munich for this year's Oktoberfest, which started Sept. 20, there are many Oktoberfest-style events occurring in Omaha.

The Metro was host to two large events over the past two weekends, one held by the German-American Society of Omaha and the other held by the Crescent Moon,

epitomizing what Oktoberfest is all about.

The German-American Society's two-day event, which drew around 3,000 people, included live music, dancing, authentic German cuisine and, of course, beer.

Frank Freihaut, entertainment director for the German American Society, said in the seven years he has been with the organization, he has fallen in love with the cultural aspects of Oktoberfest. "I'm a fourth or fifth-generation American," Freihaut said. "As I dive back into my German ancestry, it's kind of neat seeing that culture and learning about it and being able to share that with the rest of Omaha and Nebraska."

Barry Boyce is the founding member and namesake of a three-piece polka band that played both Oktoberfest events. He also highlighted the importance of culture to the festival atmosphere.

"The music is a big part of it; and the food especially," Boyce said. "They've always got some type of German food. Not everyone likes the different flavorings you put in it, but there's always something you can pick out of it that you like." That's not to say that beer isn't a big part of the event atmosphere. Every fall, numerous beer companies like Sam Adams and Becks put out "Oktoberfest" style beers which are typically in the German Märzen style. At the Oktoberfest celebration, many German beer companies



UNO senior Megan Schuster, (left to right) alumnus Daniel Belostecinic and alumnus Damir Stupar share a toast at the Crescent Moon on Saturday. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)

like Spaten, Warsteiner, Palauner and others will sponsor their own tents.

At Crescent Moon's Oktoberfest celebration, which was in its seventh year, there were eight authentic German beers on tap which could be purchased in a plastic cup or in one of

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UNO senior KJ Harnack plays the tuba as part of the Barry Boyce Band Saturday night at the Crescent Moon. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)

several types of glassware available for purchase.

Crowds of more than 6,000 have come to the Crescent Moon in the past several years. Outside the bar, there were tents featuring live music, dancing and even the Husker game. Inside, patrons enjoyed the Crescent Moon's authentic German bier hall called Huber Haus. The bier hall had numerous German beers to purchase.

Freihaut said it's understandable for most people to associate beer with Oktoberfest.

"Even the Germans will profess how many kegs of beer or how many liters of beer get sold during Oktoberfest over there," he said.

But a focus on beer doesn't mean you don't have to be old enough to drink to have a good time.

"All ages come out and have a good time during Oktoberfest," Boyce said. "During the year, we have a much older crowd at our regular dances and things; but when Oktoberfest comes around, all ages come out and have a good time."

While there are still some festival events planned for the next week in Iowa and Missouri, Omaha's Oktoberfest season is essentially over. If you missed this year's events, don't worry: people like Freihaut and Boyce are already planning for 2009.



Bartender Liz Stevens, a senior at UNO, pours a beer at the Crescent Moon Saturday night. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)

"We're trying to put some big plans together for next year," Freihaut said. "It's our 125th anniversary, so we're really going to be celebrating big next year."

While it may seem a long way away, it won't be long before the temperature gets colder and the Oktoberfest beers start hitting the shelves.

Until then, prost!



Polka dancing was featured at the German-American Society of Omaha's celebration. (VALERIE LOSEKE/THE GATEWAY)

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Vibrator story inappropriate Unexpected act of violence

Dear Editor:

Mr. Stewart, I have unfortunately read my school newspaper, the Gateway, twice during my tenure at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. I say unfortunately because both of your published issues left me appalled. The content of various articles, which were surely deemed acceptable by the Editor in Chief, which is you, is absolutely immoral and inappropriate for an institution geared toward educating America's future.

The second occasion on which I was misfortunatly given the chance to read the Gateway was Thursday, September 25. A fellow student on this day presented me with an article entitled "Students have doubts, curiosity about iPod-synched vibrator." Due to the fact that we are both enrolled as students at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, I will not go on to explain how morally and ethically inappropriate the words of this article are, but I will refer you to enroll next semester into both "Contemporary Morals and Problem Solving" and "News Editing". These courses are freshman and sophomore introductions to philosophy and journalism respectively. I suggest strongly that you take both courses, in hope that you will learn the basic fundamentals of morals, and potentially what it means to be an editor.

Again, let me reiterate, due to the fact that you are so knowledgeable about "music-powered vibrators", I will not speak of purely the extremely moral obscene implications of you published article. But yet me speak to you

about the term editor. To be an editor, one must supervise. Mr. Stewart, you must monitor the editorial aspects for the Gateway. Surely you have neglected to fulfill the important role that to which you are assigned and are expected to do.

As editor, you are solely responsible for each published issue and the articles which compose an issue. So let me bring the illegal aspects of this article to your attention. Are you aware, Mr. Editor, that it is illegal to advertise "sex toys" to minors? Your article debates the relative quality of the "vibrator" and where one can purchase this "vibrator." Though arguably indirectly, this article is absolutely advertising the "sex toy...vibrator" to minors. Perhaps you are asking yourself what minors? There are full-time enrolled students at the University of Nebraska at Omaha which are provably under the age of 18.

In conclusion Mr. Stewart, I ask that you immediately halt the printing of articles about how you spend your time, and print articles that are purely educational. I am attending the University of Nebraska at Omaha to gain an education, not to be fluttered with your filth. In addition to no longer publishing these types of articles, I ask that you and Doug Taylor publish an apology to all University of Nebraska at Omaha students for both neglecting to accurately perform your duties and for damaging the future minds of America.

Thank you,  
Neil Huben  
Sophomore, biotechnology

### Editor's Note:

As editor in chief of The Gateway, I take my commitment to uphold the University of Nebraska Guidelines for the Student Press seriously. We printed the above letter because those guidelines state: "The readership must be offered an opportunity to answer editorial opinions."

Those guidelines also advise against using "pictures, words or descriptions that a significant portion of the readership finds offensive. Tastefulness is part of the trust a journalists hold."

It is my belief that our Sept. 23 story about the OhMiBod vibrator did not depart from those guidelines.

The story was buried in the news section on Page 3. It contained no graphic descriptions or photos. It also did not advocate the purchase of the product or use of sex toys in general.

From a Journalism 101 perspective, the story had human interest and oddity news values. The story also attempted to use the intrigue of the sex toy to inform on a public health issue, namely the prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases in Douglas County.

The idea that the story was illegal is absurd. It is not an advertisement, it is protected by the First Amendment and, under Nebraska law, it certainly does not meet the legal standard of being harmful to minors or obscene.

- Scott Stewart

Dear Editor:

Violence is like a chameleon. It comes in many colors and shapes and often blends into any community. It can strike at random, but the player can choose the character against their will.

The character in this real tragedy, Brittany Nicole Williams, a 21-year-old, vibrant woman, was getting fast-food meal for her step-father when she was shot and killed by 20-year-old, Kyle Bormann, with a high-powered rifle, 100 feet from the crime scene.

Police and prosecutors say Bormann shot Brittany because she was black. We have seen that violence in our cities seems is an every day sport now days, played by confused, unhappy or disturbed players. These players make the worst choices, choices to take the lives of people they didn't even know.

Williams was a sassy and fun, well-educated woman with a goal to be a nurse. She was a very involved member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated at UNO and was loved by many friends and family members.

Every day we get up and go on with our lives. We make breakfast for our families, take ours kids to school and head to work, expecting to see them later that evening for dinner.

Many times we neglect to think about the "what ifs." We forget violence can slip into our daily lives. We may not consider today may be the last breath we take or last day we see our loved ones. We don't consider we may be the next Brittany, and neither did she.

The unexpected act of violence doesn't

leave us time to think it can happen to us, our friends or our family members.

We don't pay enough attention to our surroundings, to see the "players" 100 feet away, aiming a high-powered rifle at our heads, in anger, because of the outcome of a sports game, that we have no say about its winning or losing outcome.

One of the worst parts of an unexpected act of violence is that most "players" are obviously not thinking about their actions. They don't consider whose loved ones they are targeting, whose life they will corrupt or the life-altering.

What is the world coming to? Why are we forced to adjust to other peoples' choices? What can we do to help as a people, as a voice? What would Brittany Nicole Williams have done?

It's sad to say she will never be able to answer this question for us.

Instead of celebrating her year of "New Beginning," every one, including her parents, are mourning her tragic death.

This unexpected act of violence took her choice, took her voice and took her life.

We need to show our support to the friends and family of Brittany Nicole Williams. She didn't deserve to die, but her loved ones deserve an answer as to why.

Bormann was convicted on Sept. 25th of murder in the second degree. He faces 21-years to life in prison. His hearing is scheduled for Dec. 2nd.

Sincerely,  
Angela Tyler  
2005 UNO Graduate

### FROM DEBATE: PAGE 1

"I don't understand taxes."

The goal of the group discussions was to find out what Omahans thought first-hand of the debate, the event's organizer, Barbara Pickering, said in a statement.

"We want to get people talking to each other," Pickering said. "This is why we will not view the post-debate commentary before the small group discussions begin."

Deborah Smith-Howell, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, said turning off the commentary was "one of the most powerful parts" of the DebateWatch event. Smith-Howell, whose academic background includes research in presidential rhetoric and media coverage of the presidency, said the event was "phenomenal" for the School of Communication.

Smith-Howell also praised the surveys being conducted in conjunction with the event.

UNO was one of 123 universities across the nation partnering with the Commission on Presidential Debates and the National Communication Association to share feedback on what citizens discussed in their groups.

"I think that's really important that we are able to be part of the participation in the national debate," Smith-Howell said.

The DebateWatch program in 2004 included 30,044 participants from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and locations abroad. Of those participants, 24 percent said participating in the event would influence how closely they followed the election.

Friday's DebateWatch event at UNO had more than 75 people, mostly 18 to 25 year-olds, complete the questionnaire.

According to data provided by Pickering, about 80 percent of the attendees had a candidate preference and 20 percent were undecided. By the end of the event, 86 percent supported a candidate afterwards,

9 percent were undecided and 3 percent changed to another candidate.

UNO students attended the event for different reasons. Some participated in organizing it, through both Pickering's political broadcasting course and Weber's Maverick Solutions public relations firm.

Others, like political science senior Paul Allen and his wife Christine Allen, attended out of an interest in national politics.

"I'm here to hear how one-sided it's going to be," Paul Allen said. "Most universities have a tendency to be left-wing dominated."

Christine Allen, a history senior who said her husband "drug" her there, added, "We pretty much know where we're going to stand."

McCaskill, a public relations senior, said she was a part of Weber's PR firm class, but she also attended because she really wanted to watch the debate after the national press its received in the past few days.

The debate received even more attention than usual because on Wednesday, McCain had announced he was "suspending" his campaign and would not go to Mississippi "until we have taken action" to address the nation's financial crisis.

By Friday morning, no bailout package was in place, despite a meeting Thursday at the White House attended by congressional leaders, as well as McCain and Obama. But the Republican nominee opted to take part in the debate because, according to a statement put out by his campaign, he was "optimistic that there has been significant progress."

There will be three more DebateWatch events at UNO in conjunction with the other two presidential debates and Thursday's vice-presidential debate. Those events will take place at the Thompson Alumni Center. Orientation is at 7:30 p.m., and the debate is scheduled to begin at 8.

*This report included material from the McClatchy-Tribune Information Services.*

### FROM TRIAL: PAGE 1

to be found guilty of the slaying "purposely and with deliberate and premeditated malice." Had he been, he would have possibly faced the death penalty.

A taped interview of Bormann after he was arrested in January showed a young man in shambles. Often times breaking down and crying, Bormann was unable to produce an explanation for why he pulled the trigger.

"I have no idea why. I was just pissed off," Bormann said in the tape. "I don't know; I would imagine I was pissed off at black people, not to be racist or anything, but, and I went, and I have no idea if I shot at a black person or not."

Afterwards, Bormann said he didn't know what he was shooting at, other than

it was at a vehicle. He said he didn't know what color of person was in that vehicle and "this has nothing to do with race." He said he didn't know why he made his previous statement.

"I don't have a problem with black people," Bormann said. "It's just most of the people on a football team are black, so that's why I said it would probably have been a black person I was getting upset at, 'cause of the call. I know it all revolved around a call on the football team that pissed me off and I went out and did what I did."

Bormann's sentencing hearing is scheduled for December.

*Editor in Chief Scott Stewart contributed to this report.*

## Debate schedule

All start at 9 p.m. ET and are 90 minutes long:



### Presidential

**1. Sept. 26**  
University of Mississippi  
Oxford, Miss.  
**Moderator** Jim Lehrer, PBS  
**Focus** Foreign affairs

**2. Oct. 7**  
Belmont University  
Nashville, Tenn.  
**Moderator** Tom Brokaw, NBC  
**Town meeting** format; questions from audience

**3. Oct. 15**  
Hofstra University  
Hempstead, N.Y.  
**Moderator** Bob Schieffer, CBS  
**Focus** Domestic policy

### Vice presidential

**4. Oct. 2**  
Washington University  
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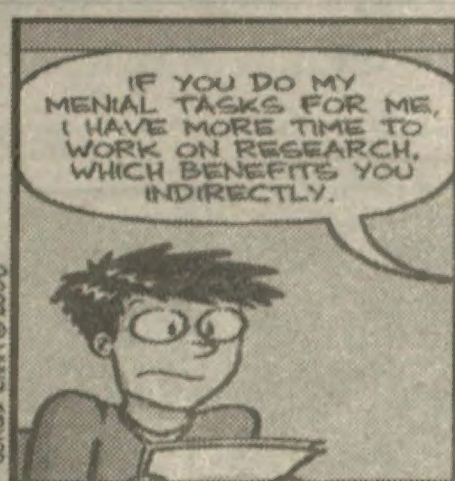
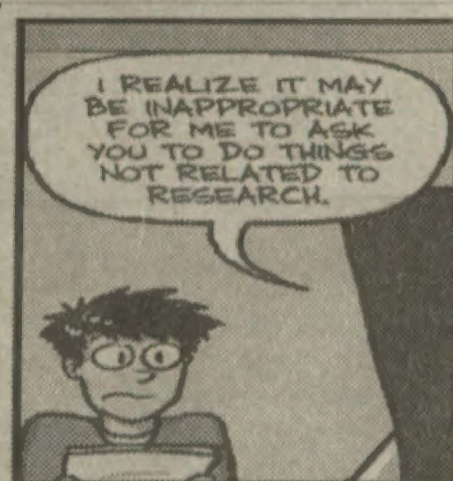
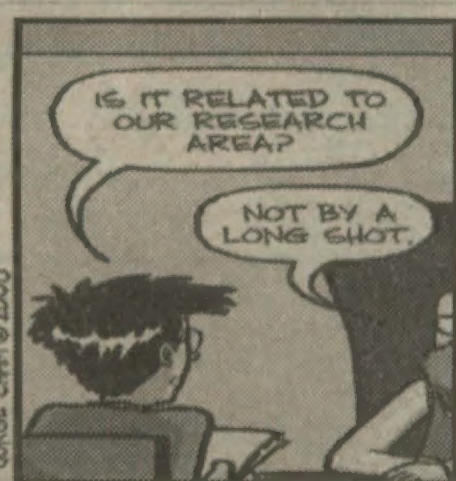
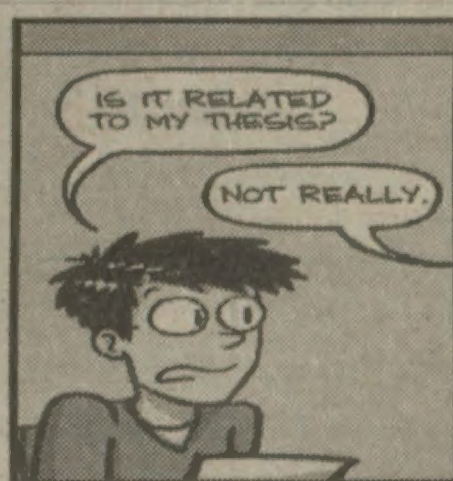
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